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EVENING STAR

Washington News and Crossip. INTERNAL REVENUE recei pts to-day, \$336,-

SECRETARY BRIST OW returned to Washingten this morning and was at his desk in in the Treasury depretment.

GEENEP AL SHERMAN arrived at Cincinnsti yester ay afternoon and took his daughter to Notre Dame Academy, near Reading, Ohio. He will proceed at once to St. Louis.

THE COURT OF COMMISSIONERS Of Alabama claims have taken a recess until November 5. in order to allow claimants to arrange their business under the regulations prescribed by

the court. LIEUT. COMMANDER KELLOGG, who was in command of the Monitor Ajax, died at Pensacola yesterday, of yellow fever, and two other officers there are seriously ill of the same dis-

NAVAL ORDERS .- Master James Franklin to the coast survey; Passed Assistant Surgeon U. L. Ruth to special duty in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Detached-Ensign A. C. Dillingham from the North Atlantic station and ordered to proceed home and report arrival; Ensign Sidney A. Staunton from the Hydrographic office and ordered to the Narragansett Novembar 5th; Surgeon J. R. Tyron from the naval rendezvous at New York and ordered to temporary duty at the Pensacola navy yard; Surgeon J. H. Tinkham from the Constellation and ordered to the naval rendezvous at New

THE REPORTS of heads of div sions of the Sixth Auditor's office have been submitted, and will be embraced in the forthcoming annual report of the auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874. In the examining divi sion the accounts examined were 131,299, involving \$24,666,859.02, an excess over last year of \$1.785,203 30. In the money order division domestic money orders issued during the year were 4,420,633, (amount \$74,424,854 71,) an excess over last year of 1,064,947. (amount \$16,-908,640.02.) International money orders issued 112,614, involving \$2,265,242.32. Last year the number of such orders issued was 91,817, involving \$1,863,512.37.

AN ILLUSTRATION .- Mr. Editor .- In vont very pertinent paragraph in last evening's STAR upon the recent letters of Messrs. Charles O'Copper and Reverdy Johnson on the Louisiana question, you make the following remarks: "Mr. Johnson argues, admitting the President mistaken in the first instance, that the President having once made his decision it is a finality." Now this reminds me of the ethical teachings of a stammering old lady, one of Mr. Now this reminds me of the ethical Johnson's countrywomen, who used to say to her boys, "my sons, never take and take and tell a lie; but, if you take and take and tell a lie, why take and take and stand to it." CALVERY COUNTY.

PRESIDENT GRANT and party arrived at St. Louis Monday night in a special car. It was detached from the train on reaching east St. Louis, and was brought over the bridge and through the tunnel. On reaching the custom house excavation the train stopped and the party had a fine view of the works, the foundation walls of which were illuminated by calcoum lights. The laborers greeted the President with cheers. Quite a number of the President's personal friends and several federal officials met the President:al party on the opposite side of the river and accompanied them through the tunnel to the Lindell hotel. Yesterday the President and Mr. Berie rode out to the fair, visited the various departments, inspected the stock on the grounds, and expressed themselves much pleased at the exhibition.

INTIMIDATION OF BLACK VOTERS BY ALA-SAMA WHITE LEAGUERS .- Attorney General Williams has received from official and entirely reliable sources the following statement as to the difficulties in Sumpter county, Alabama: "The white people have an organiza-tion throughout the county known as the White League. They are determined that the negroes shall not vote at the coming election, unles they vote as they do. To effect this they do everything to intimidate the black people. The two most active republicans in the county, Bil lings (white) and Ivey (colored,) have been assassinated since August 1st. These murders have had a very general effect upon the colored people. To keep up the fear among the blacks, the whites now get together almost every day and night and ride the roads in squads of thirty to fifty men, armed with shot guns, pretending that the negroes are arming and gathering to strack the white people, which is not the case. There have been no parties of negroes of any s rength together."

THE RAILROADS AND MAIL TRANSPORTA-TIONS .- Postmaster General Jewell finds himself somewhat embarrassed in regard to the heavy increase of pay for railroad transporta-tion of the mails, which was authorized under the act of March 3, 1873. By that act the Postmaster General was directed to reweigh the mails and readjust the pay on all the railroads in the United States. This has been done to a very great extent, and payments under the readjustments promptly made by the department. The reweighing of the mails was ordered to be done in October, 1873. There was \$500,000 appropriated for this increased payment, and about \$250,000 was also appropriated for the usual yearly increase in the mails. It now appears that under this readjustment the increase in the pay of railroads already made amounts to a million of dollars in round numbers, and the department estimates that there is \$500,000 more due on accounts yet to be presented or adusted. Under this state of facts, the Postmaster General has ordered all adjustments for increased service suspended until Congress shall make the necessary appropriation.

THE REMOVAL OF ARMY HEADQUARTERS POSSIBLY ONLY TEMPORARY AFTER ALL .-The removal of army headquarters from this city to St. Louis does not appear to be popular with anybody except General Sherman, and perhaps that small band in the west who are laboring for the removal of the national capital to the Mississippi valley. The officers attached to headquarters would, of course, rather remain in Washington. It would be better for the dispatch of business, as all that is done by the general of the army must receive the sanction of the Secretary of War. The Adjutant General's office will still remain at the War department, and a large correspondence must natument, and a large correspondence must naturally be kept up between this office and head-quarters. At the last session of Congress Gen. Butler offered an amendment to the army appropriation bill, making Washington the headquarters of the army in time of peace, but it failed, mainly through the indifference of Congressmen. It is probable that some mean Congressmen. It is probable that some mea-sure of this character will be brought forward next winter and pressed with more vigor on the ground of economy and convenience, so that after all the removal to St. Louis may only be

temporary .- Wash. Special Phila. Press. THE STAMPED ENVELOPE CONTRACT-Temporary Suspension of the Issue of Official Stamped Envelopes .- Mr. E. W. Barber, 3d Assistant Postmaster General, has issued a circular addressed to postmasters of the larger offices, stating that as the new contractors for furnishing official stamped envelopes (Plympton & Co., of Hartford,) are not prepared with the necessary facilities for carrying on the work the MENS' BUSINESS SUITS,

MENS' WORKING SUITS, stamps and envelopes will be forwarded, in sep-arate parcels, as fast as they can be manufac-tured. The department will exercise its own discretion in filling requisitions; and supplies for the larger offices will, in each case, be re-duced as low as the emergency may demand. The circular add that no assurances can at present be given as to when the supply of official stamped envelopes will be resumed; but it is hoped that it will be at an early date.

This action of the department would seem to indicate that it will be some time before the Plympton company (which received the contract for furnishing stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers for four years from the 1st instant.) will be able to fulfill the terms of its contract. Meanwhile a large number of requi-sitions for ordinary stamped envelopes for publie use are accumulating at the department, and these cannot be filled until the contractors are at to supply them. According to the terms of the contract the Plympton company were to by the Secretary of War that if he could spare commence supplying envelopes on the 1st inst. a regiment of intantry from his commend, to Not porsessing the requisite facilities they were anable to do this, and the department will doubtless wait a ressonable period to enable them to complete their arrangements. Failing to do this within a reasonable time the contract will probably be annulled by the department,

TELEGRAMS TO THE STAR.

The Convention of Fire Chiefs. ST. Louis, October 7.-In the firemen's convention yesterday, the committee on the water supply reported that a limited supply of water has proved terribly disastrous to many of our

largest cities, and that the SUPPLY OF WATER in almost every city is inadequate, owing to the meagre capacity of the main and branch pipetherefore they recommend that all the mains in cities of 25,000 inhabitants and upwards be not less than 12 inches in diameter. Severa other committees submitted recommendation regarding the construction of buildings and methods for the prevention and extinguishmen of fires. Anexhaustive discussion followed the presentation of these reports, in which nearl all the delegates participated.

THE SUBJECT OF HOSE, its quality, use, cost, and durability, received the most attention, and was discussed at length Mr. Johnson, of Philadelphia, offered the following resolution in this connection, which was

adopte Resolved. That this convention recommend to the various local governments the enactment or ordinances providing that in the purchase of bose the quality should be of the very best, and that in proposals for furnishing hose to fire deartments words be inserted ignoring low bidders, this plan having been found to be the cheapest and most reliable.

A NEW CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. Chief Hill, of Rome, Ga, was elected corresponding secretary, in place of Chief Chase, of Bloomington, Ill., resigned.

Foreign Notes.

MILAN, October 7.—Thiers arrived here yesterday, and addressed the French residents last evening. He said the establishment of the republic should not be displeasing to the rest of Europe. He believed the general election would give about fitty additional Bonapartist deputies to the assembly.

COUNT YOU ARNIN'S ARREST.

LONDON, October 7.—It is ramored that the Emperor William, who is at Baden, is greatly suprised at Count Von Arnim's arrest, and has manded the reason therefor. Berlin, October 7 .- Count Von Araim's family have been informed that his imprisonment is not intended as a punishment, and he will be released on the restoration of the docaments detained by hin.

ANOTHER CARLIST SECEDER. MADRID, October 7 .- It is reported that Gen. Dorregaray has differed with Don Carlos, and gone to France. Gen. Menderi succeeds to his

command. The Republican Nominees in the Rich RICHMOND, VA., September 7.—The dissen-sions among the republicans of the 3d Congressional district culminated to day in the nemi-nation of two candidates for Congressional boners. Two conventions were held, each having full delegations, and each claiming to be the legal gathering of representatives of the republicans of the district. Both conventions met at noon, at different places, and after the usual preliminary business proceeded regularly to work, the result of which was the nomination by one of Hon. J. Ambler Smith, the present incumbent in Congress, and by the other of Rush Burgess, esq., collector of United States internal revenue. The latter, as heretofore reorted, was nominated for the position at a covention held on September 16th. Frem pres nt indications both candidates will enter the contest, as it is certain neither will withdraw in favor of the other, as the feeling between the two factions is very bitter. It is possible, however, yet not very probable, that a compromise may be effected in the interest of the party by

each withdrawing and a new man put forward.

Philadelphia Affairs.
A YOUTH SHOT AT A BALL.
PHILADELPHIA, October 7.—Geo. M. Ellott, aged 18, was shot and mortally wounded at an early hour this morning, during a disturbance at a ball at Musical Fund Hall, by Police Officer Wm. J. Carroll. The officer asserts that Elliott struck him, and was rescued by a crowd, and that he fired as the prisoner was running away Elliott, in a sworn statement, denies striking the officer, whom he identified as having fired three times, two balls taking effect.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN PUBLISHER. Wm. A. Blanchard, formerly a well-known publisher, of the firm of Carey, Lea & Blan-

chard, died last night, aged 71.

NEW YORK, October 7.—The judicial committee of the Presbytery of Jersey City announce that they will be in session this afternoch to hear any person who may have charges to prefer against Rev. John S. Glendenning, pastor of the church of which the late Mary Poneroy was a member. SALE OF THE FURNITURE OF THE FREEDMAN'

BANK. The office furniture and fixtures of the branch

of the Freedman's bank in this city have been The Protestant Episcopal Convention. New York, September 7.—The Protestant Episcopal convention began this morning in St. John's chapel, Varick street, where the religious services of the body were held. The chapel was filled almost to the doors by the congrega tion, and the aisles and passages were packed, people encroaching on the open space to front of the communion rail. The morning service and communion service of the Episcopal church were celebrated, many prominent divines participating.

Horrible Death of a Youth in Baltimore. BALTIMORB, Oct. 7 .- This morning, while Wm. Batty, aged sixteen, was ascending in an elevator in Beatty & Co.'s cracker factory, Dugan's wharf, some one called him from below, and looking over the side of the elevator, his head was caught between it and the ceiling

above, and horribly mangled, killing him in-Andy Johnson on the Defensive. NASHVILLE, TENN., October 7 .- Ex. Presilent Johnson spoke three hours and a half at Shelbyville yesterday. His speech was mainly devoted to defending himself against the Union and American Chattanooga special and editorial of October 3, in which he was designated as an ex-republican President and in favor of repudiation of the state and national obligations.

Suit Against the Former Washington
Agent of Pacific Mail.

NEW YORK, October 7.—The Pacific Mail
Steamship Company has begun suit against
Richard B. Irwin, its late San Francisco agent,
and agent of the company at Washington agent, and agent of the company at Washington during a former administration, to recover \$750,000 which he is alleged to have appropriated.

The Races at Fordham. FORDHAM, October 7 .- The first race to-day was for a purse of \$500, distance one mile. The following started: Quits, Preakness, Audu-ben, Picolo, Governess, Marmion, Stanford, Hooker, Grey Planet, Fadladeen and Red Bird. Fadladeen won; Preakness was second, and Grey Planet third. Time, 1.45.

The Delaware Election. WILMINGTON, DEL., September 17.—An elec-tion was held yesterday in this state for inspectors and assessors to conduct the election in November. A full vote was polled, with the following results:—Kent county, democratic majority, 146; Sussex, 217; New Castle, 102.

New York, October 7.—Meesrs. Woodruff and Rebinson, partners of Frank D. Moulton, this morning became his bondsmen for his appearance upon the indictment found against him for slandering Rev. H. W. Beecher.

Death of an Editor. AUGUSTA, GA., October 7.—James Gardner, for many years editor and proprietor of the Constitutionalist, and lately of the firm of Hoyt & Gardner, New York, died at his residence near this city this morning, aged 62.

Fire in Baltimore. BALTIMORE, October 7.—A two story brick building, corner of Pratt street and East Fails avenue, occupied by a granite roofing company, was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$4,500; Gen. Butter Gives it Up.

NEW YORK, October 7.-A Worcoster dis-patch says Gen. Butler has written to a delegate to the republican convention saying he is not a candidate for the governorship. The Massachusetts Republican Con-WORCESTER, October 7.—The republican state convention met at noon. Dr. Loring was

chosen temporary chairman. ANOTHER REGIMENT OF TROOPS ORDERED SOUTH .- General Sheridan was to-day notified a regiment of intantry from his command, to send it south for service in that section. Applications are constantly reaching the department from Alabana, Tennessee and Louisiana for troops, and to comply with all the applications it would be necessary to largely increase the forces of the arms.

IMPROVEMENT OF WASHINGTON. | fountain, with the requisite number of lamps,

Public Buildings and Grounds,

Report of General Babenck. The following is the annual report of Gen. O. E. Babcock, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, just transmitted to Gen. A.

A. Humphreys, Chief Engineer U. S. A .: GENERAL: I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations on the works under my charge for the fiscal year ending June Care and Improvement of the Public Grounds GROUNDS SOUTH OF THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.

The work of filling these grounds to the grade of 15th and 17th streets has progressed gradually during the year, and as the appropriation made for the purpose would allow. A considerable quantity of earth is deposited in these grounds by citizens from excavations made from cellars, &c., &c. This, together with such earth as was satisfactorily purchased, was used in grading these grounds.

MONUMENT GROUNDS. Work was commenced on the monument grounds July 1, 1873, and carried forward until the appropriation for the same was expended. with the following results: The high ground along 14th street and south of the present roadway was cut down to the proper grade, the earth so removed being used for alling along 14th street, north of the entrance of the road

way to these grounds.

The graded grounds were rolled, covered with good soil, and sown with Kentucky bluegrass seed. The main roadway was repaired and regraveled from time to time in places where needed, and thus kept in good order. Believing it more economical and expeditions to form a small lake of that portion of the marsh lying east of Meridian avenue than to fill the same with earth, a portion of the muck deposit was excavated and removed to the White lot, and used to form a compost for the dressing of the different grounds. This excavation was completed in September. Connection was made with the sewer in B street, and so arranged with stop-plank that at low tide the water can be drawn from the lake. Bountiful springs were found near the shore of the lake; but to insure a full supply of water the Potomac water was taken from the 14th street supply pipe This was accomplished by laying 800 feet of four-inch pipe from 14th street to a position nearly opposite the Monument, from which point a three-inch pipe (300 feet) was laid to the center of the lake, to which a fountain jet was attached. During cold weather the lake fermed safe and good skating for children, and was much enjoyed by them.

SMITHSONIAN GROUNDS. As the entire portion of these grounds south, and a portion north of the Institute, along 12 h street, had not been graded or improved, work was first commenced there. This portion was thoroughly sub-drained, three-inch tile being used, and laid in trenches three feet deep and thirty feet apart. These tiles were led into sixinch sewer pipes, which were connected with the main sewers of the city in 7th and 12th streets. The entire grounds above mentioned were graded, covered with good soil, and sown with Kentucky blue grass seed. As the part of the grounds so graded is about one-third of the entire square, it required the moving of a great number of cubic yards of earth. It is now ready for the construction of the walks and for planting. A line of six-inch sewer pipe was laid along the north line of these grounds from 12 h to 7th streets, and connected with the main sewer of the city at the last-named street. "I" pieces were put in at proper distances to receive lateral drains from the ground formerly occupied by the old canal, which is now a part of these grounds. The gravel walk leading from the Insti-tute north to 10th street was taken up and relaid with asphalt. This walk is the most used by the public, and after rains, and in the spring, was at times almost impassible. It is now in good condition at all times of the year. A thirteen-inch water main running through these grounds was tapped near the center of the grounds, and a four inch pipe run east to 7th street. From this pipe lateral branches of two-inch pipe were run to E street south, two hundred feet apart, and stop-cocks and valves were put in at proper distances to afford easy irriga-tion when needed. The four-inch pipe was connected with the sewer in 7th street with a stop cock, so that the water can be drawn from the pipes in the winter when they are not in use, in order to prevent their being destroyed by the freezing of the water. When making connection with the twelve-inch main, a six-inch pipe was laid west a few feet, thus obviating the necessity of again making a connection to this main to supply fountains, if it should subsequently be decided to build them. The line of wood fence on 7th and 12th streets was emoved; the material of any value being taken to the monument grounds and stored. The roadways and walks in the improved portion of these grounds have been kept free from weeds, and the trees have been properly

trimmed and are in good condition. ARMORY SQUARE. In this square the grading has been com-pleted, with the exception of a small portion near the railroad depot. The portion graded was covered with good soil, and sown with blue-grass seed, harrowed in and rolled. The old fences surrounding it were removed, and taken to the Monument grounds, and a row of hedge along the line of the old canal was removed, thus giving this square a better and much more extended appearance. The surplus earth taken from these grounds was used in filling the reservation just opposite. As the brick building in this square, known as the "Armory building," is eld, unsightly, and contracts the appearance of the grounds, I recommend that authority be given to sell the same at public auction, the roceeds to be used in ornamenting the grounds. For this reason I have not included any sum for their improvement in my estimates for the next

RESERVATIONS BETWEEN THIRD AND SIXTE STREETS.

The Board of Public Works having raised the grade of Missouri and Maine avenues several feet, these reservations are so far below grade that they became nusances, from the fact of their collecting the drainage from the higher grounds around, forming pools of stagmant water very injurious to the public health. In order to correct this, as far as possible, the appropriation for these reservations was expended for earth to fill these low places.

The old wooden buildings on this square, formerly occupied by the government as hos-pitals and later by the Women's Christiau Asociation, were sold August 12, 1873, but were not entirely removed until November, at which time the improvement of the square was commenced; the sub-drainage being the first work done. A brick sewer runs diagonally through this square from G and Fifth streets to E and Fourth streets, built for the purpose of draining the jail, the City Hall building, and for other purposes. Connection was made with this sewer at G street, from which a line of six-inch terra cotta pipe was laid along the north line of the square to the fence surrounding the jail. From this pipe lines of three-inch tile were laid three feet deep and thirty feet apart, and running to Louislana aver ne. From the connection at E street a six-inch terra cotta pipe was run west 270 feet. Into this, lines of three inch tile, thirty feet apart, were run south to Louisiana avenue, and north to the jail yard fence. The three inch tile was laid three feet deep, and the six inch sewer at a depth to sedeep, and the six inch sewer at a depth to secure the necessary fall to secure rapid drainage. In the construction of this sub-draining, 652 feet of six inch sewer pipe, and 23,115 feet of three inch tile were used. For the purpose of irrigation and to supply fountains, three lines of four inch water pipe, each 630 feet long, were led into this square from 5th street. Along each one of these lines, at intervals of 200 feet, a line of two inch pipe was laid on each side 100 feet from the main line, and at right angles to it, at the ends of which, angle valves are to be attached, so that every part of the grounds except what is occupied by the jail, can be thoroughly irrigated by using a hose seventy five feet in length. To accomplish this 1,890 feet of four inch, and 2,200 feet of two inch cast iron pipe was used. A large quantity of earth was hauled into these grounds by the Beard of Butlet. was used. A large quantity of earth was hauled into these grounds by the Board of Public Works, and it was used in grading the low places. The entire grounds were rough graded, and part of the walks staked out in readiness for excavation. Large quantities of losses stores. and part of the walks staked out in readiness for excavation. Large quantities of loose stones were plowed up while the grading was going on. They were collected tegather, with a lot of other loose stone in the square, and deposited in piles near the jail yard. They will be broken to the proper size and used for foundations for the roads and walks. The iron fence surrounding that of the square was turned over to the Board. part of the square was turned over to the Board of Public Works, which, together with some of the same pattern taken from around the Capitol grounds, will be used to fence along the line of government reservation fronting upon the old canal, from 6th street west to 15th street. old canal, from 6th street west to 15th street. The brick building on this square used for school purposes was removed in the fall. Iron park posts have been placed in position around the square, and lamp posts of a corresponding pattern have been substituted for the city lamp posts, and being placed in line with the park posts and having the chain attached to them, the whole line of posts presents a uniform appearance. For the purpose of thoroughly lighting the inside of this square the necessary mains have been laid sufficient to supply forty lamps. These posts, three of which combine a drinking

have been purchased, and will be placed in position as soon as possible. For the conveni-ence of the people who pass through this square, a wooden walk was laid along the line of street, so as to avoid the mud and wet of the winter and spring.
LINCOLN SQUARE.

In this square the work of excavating, grading, graveling and rolling the walks has been completed, 5,383 square yards of walks having been constructed. Two fountain bowls, each thirty feet in diameter, have been made o brick, and the necessary supply of water and drain pipes led into them. A lodge, similar to the one in Franklin square, with urinals or each side, has been erected, and the necessary connections with water and sewer pipes made. The lodge is ornamental, and its accomm dations of much value to the public, and prevents the committing of nuisances. The trees have been properly attended to, being trimmed when required, and are in good condition.

SCOTT STATUE RESERVATIONS. The reservations on each side of the Scott statue have been graded, soiled and seeded, and enclosed with posts and chain. They have also been crnamented by the planting of trees, evergreens, &c. The circular grounds immediately surrounding the statue have also been improved by being graded, seiled and sodded, and planted with ornamental and flowering plants, evergreens, &c. A stone curb has been set around the circle inside of the stone flagging, next to which a brick gutter has been laid for the purpose of carrying off the surface water from the mound which would otherwise run on the pavement. This gutter has been connected with the main sewer on 16th street. The water pipe running through the circle has been tapped in two places, and 1%-inch angle valves at-tached. The taps were made near the circum-ference of the circle, and opposite the reservations on either side, so that they can be easily irrigated if necessary. Four lamp posts and lamps have been placed around this circle, and necessary connections made with the gas mains.

RAWLINS SOUARR. This square has been enclosed with an iron post and chain fence, and lamp-posts of a pat-tern corresponding with the park posts have been placed in position around the square, thereby affording sufficient light; and both lamp and park posts have received two coats of paint To prevent washing, a small terrace was made and sodded along the north side of the square. The square was sown with blue-grass seed which has taken well, and will make a good lawn. The following is the number and variety of the trees planted in this square: 6 junipers. Virginia cedars, 4 degwood, 1 sassafras, black walnut, 3 English maples. 3 spiress, magnolia, 4 torsythias, 1 birch, 1 Japan quince jassamine. These trees were transplanted during the winter, when the ground was frozen and were removed without disturbing the earth around their roots.

CIECLE, RHODE ISLAND AND VERMONT At the date of my last annual report this cir-cle, the largest one in the city, had been par-tially sub-drained, and water and gas mains led into it. At that time the sewer along Rhode Island avenue, into which this sewerage was to be led, had not been built. This sewer was completed by the Board of Public Works dur ing the spring, and connection was made with t, and the circle drained of the ponds of standing water, after which the improvements were renewed. The circle was graded, excavation for fountain made, dra vided, connection made with the water pip for supplying the fountsin, and the work o constructing the bowl commenced. A quantity of clay from this circle was hauled to the "Scot statue reservations," and used in grading the

WASHINGTON CIRCLE. This circle has been improved by taking up the gravel walks, grading and narrowing them and re-laying with screened gravel. They were carefully rolled, and now present a smooth and hard surface, very pleasant to walk upon. The ground around the statue has been enlarged re-graded and sodded. A brick gutter was laid around the circle enclosing the statue, and or each side of the walks, the former being le-into a trap located north of the statue. From this trap a line of four inch sewer pipe was laito the main sewer in New Hampshire avenu-This will collect the surface water from th mound, and thus prevent the washing of the walk. The 12-inch government water main that passes through this square was tapped and two angle valves attached. They were placed near the circumference of the circle surrounding the statue for the purpose of affording easy irrigation if needed. The portion of these grounds that was re-graded, was sodded. The trees were trimmed to open a view of the statue, and the seats re-placed and fastened in position.

RESERVATION NO. 17. The appropriation for this reservation waexpended in grading and getting out gravel for roadways, walks, &c. The condition of the ground was such that but little progress could be made with the small amount appropriated. The remains of the stone foundation for the

jail building are still on these grounds. TRIANGULAR RESERVATIONS. The reservations on Massachusetts avenue between 10th and 12th streets, which were abov the grade of the avenue at that point, as estab-lished by the Board of Public Works, were cut down to grade, and the dirt (2,951 yards) was hauled into the grounds south of the Executive

mansion, and used for filling. Four reservations on Pennsylvania avenue east of the Capitol, were surrounded with iron posts, to which was attached a rail of gas pipe.
The reservation on Massachusetts avenue, between 5th and 6th streets, named "Ashland Place," in honor of Henry Clay, has been graded, water and sewer pipe led into it for a fountain, and enclosed with a wrought iron

The reservation on New York avenue, be tween 10th and 11th streets, has been enclosed with a wrought iron park fence, and a fountain and iron bowl also placed in position, for which the necessary water and drain pipe has been provided. A number of evergreens have been set out in the reservation on New York avenue and H street, in front of the Presbyterian church at that point.

The reservation on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, between 18th and 19th streets, has been improved by removing the old wooden fence that enclosed it, and substituting a park post and chain. It was graded and the walks laid out on the same plan as the one opposite. The walks were filled with gravel and rolled A few park ettees were placed in this and the reservation opposite, and securely fastened to

CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY No work has been done in this cemetery since my last annual report, except to grade and sod the slope of H street, which was widened last year. This was found necessary to prevent the grade from being destroyed by the rains. The amount appropriated for this cemetery was thus exhausted.

exhausted. A large number of cart loads of a vegetable deposit (muck) has been excavated from the low and marshy grounds in the monument lot and hauled into the white lot adjoining. This and hauled into the white lot adjoining. This muck, after being exposed to the action of the weather, was turned over and thoroughly mixed with lime, 1,500 bushels of which were used. The lime pulverizes the muck and kills the germ of any seed that may be in it, and makes a valuable and comparatively cheap compost. It was hauled and spread on the public grounds when they were frozen, to prevent the cart wheels from damaging the sod. The grounds were raked after spreading, so as to evenly diswere raked after spreading, so as to evenly dis-tribute it. The use of this compost has been very satisfactory, and growth of grass marked.

PROPAGATING GARDEN. The green houses at this garden, formerly lo-cated on reservation corner of 3d street and Miscated on reservation corner of 3d street and Missouri avenue, were removed to the nursery grounds, reservation No. 3, and extensive additions were made to them. The material used in rebuilding these houses was taken principally from the old green houses and from the houses removed from the squares added to the Capitol grounds last year. In addition to the construction of these houses, two rows of frames were built and supplied with the necessary heat. So built and supplied with the necessary heat, &c. These frames are comparatively inexpensive to build and heat, and are very useful. The plants were removed to the new houses, and properly were removed to the new houses, and properly arranged before any damage was done to them by frost or exposure to the autumn storms. A quantity of bulbs and seeds was imported from Europe for the green house and the grounds, and was imported to secure the varieties deand was imported to secure the varieties de-sired. A portion of these seeds, together with others saved from the public grounds, were properly put up in papers, labeled, &c., and one package, containing sixty papers, was delivered to each member of Congress. In addition to this distribution of seeds, every member who applied was supplied with fifty cuttings of various green house plants, &c., of the surplu-stock of such plants in the green houses. Most of these plants were packed in boxes ready for shipment.

The nursery grounds were enclosed with a wooden fence, the old palings taken from the various reservations being used for that purpose. It was not the intention when the grounds were first selected as a nursery to enclose them, but it was found that the young stock could not be properly protected without it. A quantity of such stock as were deemed advisable to be set out in the public grounds for their embellishment was purchased and placed in the nursery to be used from time to time as occasion may require. In addition to the stock pur-

from the trees in the public grounds, selecting only such varieties as are most desirable, and was planted in the nursery. There are now several thousand young trees from this planting which, with proper care, will in a few years furnish such trees as will be needed in the public grounds.

TWO CENTS.

TREES, EVERGREENS, &c. During the winter, when the ground was frozen, a number of large trees were removed from the white lot and other reservations, and transplanted. They were of the following va rieties, and were distributed in the reservations

Scott Square .- Two elms, 1 catalpa, 13 enonymas, 2 forsythias, 2 spireas.

Farragut Square - Three English maples, lms, 2 horsechestnuts, 3 Norway maples,

Mt. Vernon Place -One white ash, I persimmon, 15 clms, 14 maples. Circle, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jampshire avenues .- One ash, 1 ash-leaved ma ple, I sycamore, 1 sugar maple, 4 cedars. These, together with those placed in Rawns Square, already enumerated, make 110 trees so removed. In the spring the landscapgardener, by my direction, visited purseries i Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey, and purchased a number of fine specimens of trees. evergreens, &c., that could not be purchased in this vicinity. They arrived in good order, and were placed temporarily in the nursery. Some 600 of these were transplanted, being placed principally in Scott, Farragut, Franklin, and Rawlins squares, and Mt. Vernon place. Nearly all have grown well during the summer.

CHAIN BRIDGE.

At the date of the last annual report the rebuilding of the Chain bridge was under con-tract with Mr. S. R. Dickson, of New Haven, Connecticut. By the terms of his contract the bridge should have been fully completed by the first day of June, 1873. He was repeatedly no-tified to commence and finish his work, and on the 15th of October, 1873, (there being no evidence that he had ever commenced it.) he was inally notified that his contract was annulled. With the approval of the chief of engineers, a contract was then entered into with Messrs. Clarke Reeves & Co., of the Phoenixville Bridge works. Their contract was dated November 4. 1873, to be fully completed on or before the 1st of May, 1874. They immediately commerced the work, and their first shipment o ron was received December 26, 1873. Other shipments followed in rapid succession, and the entire work was fully completed on the 27th day of March, 1874. It is due to Mr. Dickson to state that the several communications sent to him from this office to the address given by him were not received by him, but were returned to me by the postmaster of New Haven the 10th of January, 1874. FOUNTAINS.

The various fountains have had proper care and attention. In the fall the water was turned off and the bowls filled with leaves to prevent their being damaged by frost. In the spring the leaves were removed and the water turned on, and it was found that the bowls had sustained no injury from the frost during the winter. Much annoyance is experienced in the spring from fish spawn that gets into the jets of the fountain and prevents the free play of SCOTT STATUE.

Since my last annual report the granite pedestal for the Scott statue has been received and placed in position on the site selected for the Massachusetts avenues. The largest stone, weighing 119 tons and 1,191 pounds, was moved from the foot of G street northwest in eight days, without damage to either the stone or the readways over which it was moved. The bronzstatue was placed on the pedestal as soon as i was ready for it, and without any damage to

The post and chain enclosing Farragut square and the iron fence enclosing the triangular res ervation on Pennsylvania avenue, between 20th and 21st streets, and the Washington circle were painted. The rustic seats in the 14th street circle were repaired, scraped and varnished The other scats in the public squares, that were torn from their fastenings during the winter were repaired, placed in position, and fastened egain. A large number of cocoons of the basket esterpillar were picked from the evergreens and distroyed, thus preventing an immense amount of damage being done them. These worms are very injurious to evergreens, and in a very short time will destroy them if not re moved. The snow and ice was promptly re moved from the walks along the public reserva-tions under my charge. Three hundred and fifty boxes for the sparrows were made by the carrenters during the winter, and in the spring were securely fastened to the trees. The in-crease of the sparrows has been so rapid that all the boxes were occupied almost immediately They have not been so much disturbed by the boys this year, in consequence of which the are becoming more tame. Much annoyance i experienced with the wild garlie which grows it most of the public reservations. Large quanti

ties have been dug up and removed, especially from Lafayette and Franklin squares and the grounds around the Executive mansion.

The President presented to this office a hand some specimen of an American eagle which had been sent to him from Wisconsin. A cage was constructed for it and placed in Franklin Square, thus adding to this square a feature of much interest to the children of the city. Spec imens of animals are frequently effered to this office from officials of the government and private individuals, which are often declined for the want of means to properly house and care for them. In a few years, and at a compara tively small expense, a very fine collection o A merican and other animals could be collected Such a collection would be a great source of entertainment to the people of the capital, and those visiting it, besides being of great value to the students of Natural History. I would respectfully recommend that an appropriation be made to provide for receiving such contribu-tions. The trees, evergreens, &c., in the various reservations have been cared for, and properly trimmed in season. Some of the evergreens were tied up to prevent the breaking o their branches from the weight of the snow falling on them during the winter. While the leaves are falling a force is employed to collect and remove them. They are deposited in piles. thus forming a vegetable mould which is very valuable, and which is used in the green houses for propagating purposes. What is not used for this purpose is used for top dressing for

lawns. The electrical lighting apparatus in the Capitol has been kept in thorough repair. No trouble has been experienced in working it at any time. By a careful supervision of the conumption of the gas in the entire Capitol building during the (long) session, a great saving has been effected, enabling a return to the Treasury of the United States of the sum of \$10,257.62 of

the " lighting fund." The triangular reservation on 7th street and Pennsylvania avenue, which was opened to the public in June, 1871, has been closed, the abuse

of the privilege more than counterbalancing the benefits to the public.

The public gardener has been employed during the year, when his services were not otherwise required, in preparing maps of the reservations that had been improved by this office. These maps give the roadways and walks; locate the fountains, crinking fountains, and the drains, and gas and water pipes. Maps of the following named reservations have been so prepared, viz: Lafayette Square; Lincoln Square; Judiciary Square; Scott Square; Farragut Square; Washington Circle; 13th-street Circle; the circle at the intersection of Massachusetts, Connecticut the intersection of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire avenues; Mount Vernon Place; the grounds around the Executive Mansion; two triangular reservations on Pennsylvania avenue, between 18th and 19th streets; triangular reservation on New York avenue, between 10th and 11th streets; and "Ashland Place," reservation on Massachusetts avenue, between 5th and 6th streets.

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It is the intention to make these maps, as well as others yet to be prepared, show the location of the various trees and shrubs, with the local and botanical name of each given, so that at any time in the future when a tree dies, an ex-amination of the map would show what had been previously set and thus enable the same pecies to be reset, so that the original plan of planting and arranging the trees could be maintained and a comparison of the hardiness, length of life, and of the different varieties be kept. Much difficulty has been experienced in locating water and sewer drain pipes, which

there maps will obviate. these maps will obviate.

I have to report that on the 22d day of October, I received from Messrs. Latimer & Cleary, auctioneers, an account of sales of the old wood buildings in Judiciary square, sold by them August 12, 1873. The proceeds, \$1,699 46, was paid to the managers of the Women's Christian Association, in accordance with the act of Congress authorizing their sale. Permission was twice given during the year to menageries and gress authorizing their sale. Permission was twice given during the year to menageries and circus companies to exhibit on the improved reservation between 4% and 6th streets, upon condition that they should give one hundred dollars each to some charitable institution in the city and should admit the soldiers' and sailors' orphans. Of the \$200 thus received, \$150 was given to the Childrens' Hospital, a charitable institution whose relief extends to all children, without distinction of color, and fitty dollars to the Women's Christian Association, a very whorty institution.

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ing the year, and travel has been uninterrupted. They have both received very extensive repairs, and are in as good condition as the appropriation for their care and preservation will permit. The Navy-yard bridge accommodates an immense travel, and requires almost constant repairing. On the 29th of July, 1813, as a four-horse team, belonging to the Government Insane Asylum, was crossing the Navy-yard bridge, a span of the bridge broke and let them through into the water. A patient from the hespital was seated with the driver, and nartowly escaped being drowned. Two of the borses were drowned. The bridge was immediately repaired. This bridge is the only direct means of communicating with the Asylum and Washington, and as it contains some 625 pa-tients, any interruption of this character is of ser ous embarrassment to the institution.

TELEGRAPH.

An appropriation was made by Congress for the purpose of connecting the Capitol with the Executive departments and the Government Printing Office by a telegraph line, and directing the officer in charge of the public buildings and grounds to construct the line. Proposals were solicited from several parties engaged in that business and the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder. The lines were erected and proper instruments purchased and placed in po-sition before the assembling of Congress in December. The lines were so arranged that the several departments are connected with each other, as well as with the Capitol. To prevent disfiguring the Capitol grounds the wires were run from North Capitol street to the Capitol under ground. To accomplish this two cables of fire wires each were iaid. At North Capital street the various wires were attached to the cable. an el namental iron post being need through the centre of which the wires were led. The line was kept in good working order during the session of Congress, and has proved of great service to the members and to the various depariments. The posts have received two coats of paint to preserve them, and to make their appearance in the city as unobjectionable as possible. A quantity of material was purchased which will be available during the coming year. I would respectfully recommend an extension of this line so as to connect the navy yard, arseral, Smithsonian Institution, Department of Agriculture, the Naval Observatory, and other national institutions in the District of

GOVERNMENT WATER PIPES. The government water pipes conducting water to the Capitol from Smith's spring are laid along North Capitol street, in which street the Board of Public Works has been coustruct-ing a large sewer. The nature of the work was such that the pipes were continually breaking. To correct this, and to avoid the necessity of digging up the street in case of a break, and to maintain the supply of water the location of the line was changed, it being placed under the side or foot walks, just inside of the curb. It was discovered in moving this pipe that many of the pieces had been destroyed by rust. These were replaced with new pipe. The supply of spring water to the Capitol was not interrupted during the session of Congress. EXECUTIVE MANSION.

The public and private portions of the Executive Mansion received the necessary care for the protection of the property and comfort of the President's family. The bath-tubs and water-closets were replaced with new ones. Great care was taken with the plumbing to prevent leaking. The floor of the bath-room was so arranged with lead that no water could get through and damage the ceilings below in case of an overflow or breakage of the pipes. The pipes leading from the basement were encased in zinc to prevent rats and mice following along them and getting into the upper part of the house. One sleeping room was repaired by being newly papered, a new grate put in, painted, and a new stationary marble washstand, to which bot and cold water-pipes were attached. Hot and cold water-pipes were led into other rooms. Two (sleeping) rooms in the upper portion and one (reception) room on the first floor of the house were papered; a large and roomy wardrobe, made of ash and walnut, was constructed and placed in one of the rooms, it taking the place of an old and worthless one made of pine. Carpets of different styles have been purchased and put down in the several rooms as needed. New furniture was purchased and placed in the house when required. The curtains, carpets, &c., were taken up and thoroughly cleaned. The entire exterior of the Mansion was cleaned of cobwebs, &c., &c., and places which suffered from the inclemency of the weather were covered with a light coat of paint to present a uniform color. The heating apparatus, gas and water pipes have been re-paired as necessity required.

An appropriation of \$10,000, for continuing the permanent improvement of the green house, was made by Congress. It was contemplated to use this in the construction of an iron superstructure to take the place of the present wooden one, which is old and decayed. Upon getting estimates it was found that the work would cost some \$50,000, and therefore it was deemed advisable not to commence the work unless an additional appropriation was made. The house was kept in good repair, and so much of the appropriation as was necessary for that purpose was expended. The unexpended bal-ance was re-appropriated for care of and necessary repairs to the houses for the next fiscal

Advertisements soliciting bids to furnish fuel for the Executive Mansion and the greenhouses, were published in the various papers of the city. The contract was awarded to C. T Yoder, who has filled it in a satisfactory manner,

PINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The appropriations for the fiscal year just closed have all been expended, with the exception of that made for "lighting the Capitol, Executive Mansion and the public grounds," and for permanent repairs to the green house at the Executive Mansion—the unexpended balance for the former being \$10,257.62, and the latter \$7,961.86. The unexpended balance of the "lighting" fund will be covered into the Treasury. The unexpended balance for green for the care of and necessary improvements to the same for the ensuing year. The estimate submitted for the services of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, are as follows: Salaries, \$53,016; contingent of office, \$2,000; repairs and refurnishing the Executive Mansion, care of green houses, and fuel for both, \$30,000; lighting the Capitol, Executive Mansion and the public grounds, purchase of lamps, lamp posts, pay of lamp lighters, and plumbing and cas fitting of all ports. \$51,000; for contact and gas fitting of all sorts, \$51,000; for purchase of gas fixtures, for corridors of the House of Representatives, to correspond with those in the Senate, \$5,000-856,000. For repairs to the navy yard and upper bridge, \$7,000; for repairand extending the government water pipes, and those leading from Smith's spring that supply the Capitol, \$10,000; for care and improvement of the public grounds, as follows, viz: For filling the grounds south of the Executive Marsion, \$10,000; for subgraining and re-pairing and regrading the roads and walks of the Smithsonian grounds north of the building, and for construction of fountain, \$10,000; for building approaches to the bridge to be erected over 6th street by the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad company, \$5,000, for completing the improvement of the reservations between 3d and 6th streets, as per plan, \$10,000; for improving various reservations along avenues, to harmonize with the work done by the Board of Public Works, \$20,000; for ordinary care of and extension to the green houses at the propagating garden, \$5,000; for at the propagating garden, \$5,000; for ordinary care of Lafayette square, \$2,000; for the removal of the present cumbersome iron fence enclosing Latayette square, and substituting post and chain, \$5,000; for paving 4,421 square yards of walks in Latayette square, \$10,552 50; for annual repair of fences, \$2,000; for nanual and handing the same, \$8,000; for nanual and handing the same, \$8,000; for nanual same, \$8,000; for nanu for manure and hauling the same, \$8,000; for painting iron fences, \$1,000; for purchase and repair of seats, \$1,000; for hire of horses and repair of seats, \$1,000; for hire of horses and carts, \$5,000; for purchase and repair of tools, \$2,000; for frees, tree-boxes, lime and white-washing, \$5,000; for removing snow and ice, \$1,000; for fic wers, pots, twine, wire, Italiens, is copodeum. &c., \$1,000; for purchase of trees and plants for nursery and care of the same, \$200; for tree-markers and marking them, \$100; for making cages and boxes for sparrows, \$500; for abating nuisances, \$1,000; for removing the allanthus trees from the public grounds, the same having been condemned by the Board of Health, \$500; for care of and repairs to the various fountains, \$1,000; for continuing the improvement of reservation No. 3, as per plan. various fountains, \$1,000; for continuing the improvement of reservation No. 3, as per plan, \$20,000; for excavating bottom and paving the side of the lake in the monument grounds, \$5,000; for re-placing fountain in the 14th street circle with marble, \$2,500; for improving "Pacific" Place (circle Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire avenues), \$5,000; for improving Stanton Place, at the intersection of Massachusetts and Maryland avenues, \$10,000; for taking up and re-laying curb and

\$10,000; for taking up and re-laying curb and flagging south of the Executive Mansion, \$1,500; for cutting down embankment in the nursery. \$1,260; for granite coping, and fence in front of the Executive Mansion, \$7,450; for repairing fountain south of the Executive Mansion and for coping and center piece for same, \$3,000; for fountain and watchman's lodge in Judiciary square. \$5,000; for collessal statue of Lincoln, o be place in Lincoln square, \$20 00; or pedestal for same, \$10,000; for the purchase of triangular squares of ground manuals. angular squares of ground west of square 624, and north of square 563, containing 17 564 inct. and north of square 553, containing 17 564 eet.

17,564 for improving the same, \$3.00 - \$2,564; for enclosing two triangular reservations on Onio avenue, between 13th and 15th streets. \$3.000; for the purchase of 300 seats for the public grounds, \$2,400; for filling, grading, draining, and improving the reservation on Missouri avenue, lately occupied by the Agricultural department, \$10,000; for removing the cast-iron fence from reservation on Pennsylvania avenue, between 20th and 21st streets, re-casting it into park ost, and for improving the same, \$1,500 - \$239,816.50. Grand total of estimates, \$697,832.50.

To convey an idea of the labor required to make the improvements, as detailed in the foregoing report, I would state that 29,375% days is lor of men, 6,518 days of horses and carts were expended, in addition to 962 months of regular laborers.

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In closing my report, I desire to express my appreciation of the valuable aid I have received in the prosecution of the work of this office from my assistant, Mr. George A. Benjamin, whose ability has in no small degree contributed to its success. I wish also to mention most favorably Mr. George S. Gideon, in charge of bridges, and Mr. George H. Brown, the landscape gardener; Confin ned on Third pe